**ARTS, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL**

Engaging Youth in Promoting Tolerance, Pluralism, and the Human Rights of Marginalized Populations

Department of State (State), Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor (DRL)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to promote religious tolerance, pluralism, and the human rights of marginalized populations through engaging youth. Fund support efforts to initiate discussions at the local and national level with youth about their attitudes and behavior toward religious minorities and marginalized populations, including social constructs of masculinity and the effect of social institutions such as religion, media, school, family, and peers, in an effort to overcome negative influences on attitudes toward religious minorities and marginalized populations.

Applications are due by June 16, 2017. Approximately $1.4 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Organizations may only be named as lead applicant in one application

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Lifting Nicaraguan Voices (LNV)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Nicaragua USAID-Managua

Notice supporting the existence of an independent Nicaraguan civil society to effectively advocate for democratic principles, processes, and institutions. Focus areas include: Independent Voice and Effectiveness of Key Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Strengthened; Innovation to Support Nicaraguan Civil Society Promoted; and Improved CSO Outreach and Results Oriented Programming. A minimum of 55 percent of the overall project budget must go to Nicaraguan civil society in the form of grants or in-kind support.

Applications are due by June 26, 2017 at 4:00 pm Local Nicaragua time. Approximately $12 million is available to support one award.

Limited Submission: Submitting organizations, prime, and potential sub-recipients all may only be involved in one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Scaling Up Women’s Entrepreneurship in India

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to India

Notice seeking applications to promote sustainable enterprises, small businesses and innovation in India by connecting women entrepreneurs in India with American and Indian mentors through a series of skill development workshops and mentoring networks. Applications are due June 30, 2017. Approximately $100,000 per award is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

South India YouthSpeak Summit

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to India

Notice seeking applications to support efforts to provide physical, digital, and media platforms for young people across South India to identify and discuss issues of importance and brainstorm solutions. Funds support efforts to organize a two-day youth summit that offers a platform for youth voices between the ages of 18-30 from the Chennai consular district (Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Puducherry, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands) using various mediums including but not limited to debates, poetry slams, short performances (music, dance, theater, arts), speeches, etc. Applications are due by June 30, 2017. Approximately $50,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Teach in India

Department of State (State), U.S. Mission to India

Notice seeking applications to develop and implement a seven-week student teaching internship project for 12-24 American undergraduate education majors in India.

Applications are due June 30, 2017. Approximately $85,000 per award is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov

U.S. – India Campus Tech Connect

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to put together a mega exhibit that will showcase how U.S.-India collaboration in the areas of science and technology innovation and research is positively impacting the American and Indian people from three different perspectives – academic, business and research collaboration. The exhibit will be showcased as part of the annual technology festival of a university/higher education institution based in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, or Karnataka. Applications are due by June 30, 2017. Approximately $50,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

USAID Reconciliation Activity

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Bosnia USAID-Herzegovina

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to foster reconciliation and help ensure lasting peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Funds support efforts to engage key influencers in the political, religious, cultural, academic and business sectors that have the potential to reconcile societal differences, reduce the influence of strident ethno-nationalist rhetoric, and advocate for democratic change. Applications are due by May 31, 2017. Approximately $5 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM NV Cultural and Paleontological Resources Assistance

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications supporting Nevada's past human adaptation to climate variability and to complete the proper curation of a highly significant collection. Applications are due July 5, 2017. Approximately $249,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Forging Security through Rule of Law: Oral Advocacy Skills and Mediation Training for National Mock Trial Competitions

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Narcotics-Law Enforcement (INL)

Notice seeking applications to implement a program in Mexico entitled “Forging Security through Rule of Law: Oral Advocacy Skills and Mediation Training for National Mock Trial Competitions” in order to fight organized crime and associated violence while furthering respect for human rights and the rule of law. Based on principles of shared responsibility, mutual trust, and respect for sovereign independence, efforts of Mexico and the U.S. have built confidence that is transforming the bilateral relationship. Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $10 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Mapping Wildlife Trafficking, Illegal Logging, and Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Narcotics-Law Enforcement (INL)

Notice seeking applications for a grant to implement a program entitled “Mapping Wildlife Trafficking, Illegal Logging, and Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) Fishing” for the purposes of supporting peace and security by stabilizing and strengthening security institutions and by combating transnational crimes such as wildlife trafficking, money laundering, criminal gangs, and narco-trafficking.

Applications are due July 2, 2017. Approximately $1.55 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training (ALERT) Funding Opportunity

Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to provide hazardous materials direct or web-based training for volunteer or remote emergency responders, with a focus on response activities for the transportation of crude oil, ethanol and other flammable liquids by rail. Applicants must be regional public-private partnerships.

Applications are due by May 29, 2017. Approximately $2.1 million is available to support one to four awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Ecological Restoration in Rocky Mountain National Park

Department of the Interior (Interior), National Park Service (NPS)

Notice seeking applications to further collaborative ecological restoration in Rocky Mountain National Park and increase community engagement at the Park. The objectives include: to restore ecosystems and habitats which benefit native species and the visitor experience within Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP), to work collaboratively on restoration projects and leverage the strengths of both parties and to engage the local community in these ecosystems restoration projects.

Applications are due June 1, 2017. Up to $100,000 per award is available. Cost share of at least 25% is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Pacific Crest Trail and Wilderness Trail Maintenance

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to maintain trails such as the Pacific Crest Trail, the Soda Mountain Wilderness Trails and the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument trails in the Western United States. Funds support efforts to enhance the trail systems by logging excess trees and improve access, as well as soil and water quality. Program goals are to provide for protection and enhancement of the landscape and increasing the public access and appreciation for healthy forests.

Applications are due by June 26, 2017 at noon Pacific Time. Approximately $100,000 is available to support one or more awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Academic Research Council Meeting

(CFPB)

Notice announcing a public meeting of the Academic Research Council, responsible for researching, analyzing, and reporting on topics relating to the Bureau's mission, including developments in markets for consumer financial products and services, consumer awareness, and consumer behavior.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register

Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy


Notice announcing a teleconference meeting of the Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy to advise the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator, through the United States Fire Administrator, on the operation of the Academy and any improvements therein. The Board examines Academy programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions that are approved by the FEMA Administrator, examines the physical plant of the Academy to determine the adequacy of the Academy's facilities, and examines the funding levels for Academy programs.

The meetings will take place on Wednesday, May 24 and June 21, 2017, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm ET

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Meeting

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Notice announcing a meeting of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan, representing cooperating State agencies and poultry industry members, serves an essential function by acting as liaison between the poultry industry and the Department in matters pertaining to poultry health. Agenda items include updates on Avian Influenza, Veterinary Services, Salmonella Update, and new Diagnostic tests.

The meeting will be held May 18, 2017, from 7:30 am to 12 pm ET at the Doubletree by Hilton, 363 Maine Mall Road, Portland, ME

LINKS: Federal Register

National Advisory Committee for Implementation of the National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Implementation of the National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule Committee. Agenda items include: Continued deliberations on formulating advice for the Secretary; and Discussion of Committee work group findings. Conference call and webinar access is available.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm CST; Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm CST; and Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm CST. at Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site
National Infrastructure Advisory Council

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC). Agenda items include Presentations on Future Focus Study and Discussion of New NIAC Business.

The meeting will be held May 8, 2017 from 1:30 pm-4:30 pm ET. at 1331 F Street NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

Department of State (State)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Shipping Coordinating Committee to prepare for the ninety-eighth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom later this year.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 am on May 23, 2017, in the CDR Raymond J. Evans Conference Center, Room 6i10-01-a, of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC

LINKS: Federal Register

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee; Notice of Solicitation for Membership

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Notice soliciting nominations for the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee. The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program's policies. Nominations are due by June 30, 2017. Nomination packages may be emailed to carrie.e.joyce@aphis.usda.gov.

LINKS: Federal Register

AdoptUSKids

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking applications for a cooperative agreement to establish a multi-faceted national AdoptUSKids project designed to assist states, tribes, and territories in the recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive parents for children in public foster care. Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $5.17 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Advancing Research on Offender Behavioral Change: Sanctions and Incentives

Department of Justice (Justice), National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

Notice seeking applications to develop information and data collection strategies to identify current utilization of sanctions and incentives by community corrections practitioners. This includes developing a white paper outlining research findings, identifying and prioritizing the knowledge and research gaps; and developing research agenda to build an accumulative body of research to support the effective use of sanctions and incentives within community supervision models. Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $150,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
BLM NV Elko District Special Status Species Monitor and Habitat Enhancement Program

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to monitor Nevada's sensitive species and collect current data regarding species of management concern.

Applications are due July 2, 2017. Approximately $750,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM OR/WA Keep Oregon Green

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications supporting Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal's statewide wildfire prevention education campaigns. The objective is to increase public awareness of fire season and the danger of wildfire, to reduce the risk of wildfire to homes and communities, and to decrease the number of human-caused wildfires in Oregon.

Applications are due July 1, 2017. Approximately $100,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM OR/WA Pollinator Systems in the Channeled Scablands of Eastern Washington and for Spaldings Catchfly

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications supporting the knowledge of pollinators in Eastern Washington and pollinator systems specific to Spaldings Catchfly.

Applications are due July 2, 2017. Approximately $100,000 is available to support one award. Cost sharing is required.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM-(MT) Natural and Cultural Resource Management and Education

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications supporting the development and implementation of natural and cultural resource projects on public lands.

Applications are due June 30, 2017. Approximately $45,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Notice seeking provide representation, education and advocacy for low income and ESL taxpayers.

Applications are due June 20, 2017. Approximately $12 million is available to support 150 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Missile Defense Agency STEM Outreach BEST Robotics Grant

Department of Defense (Defense), Missile Defense Agency (MDA)

Notice seeking applications from official Boosting Engineering Science and Technology (BEST) Robotics Inc. Local Competition Hubs which are managed by a higher education institution and within their first five years of existence to obtain financial support for purchasing new robotic kits. The additional robotics kits increases the number of competing teams and advances the awareness of and engagement in STEM with K-12 populations.

Applications are due June 9, 2017. Approximately $50,000 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Native American Language (NAL@ED) Program CFDA Number 84.415B

Department of Education (Education), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE); Office of Indian Education (OIE)

Notice seeking applications to (1) Support schools that use Native American and Alaska Native languages as the primary language of instruction; (2) Maintain, protect, and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans and Alaska Natives to use, practice, maintain, and revitalize their languages; and (3) Support the Nation’s First Peoples’ efforts to maintain and revitalize their languages and cultures, and to improve educational opportunities and student outcomes within Native American and Alaska Native communities.

Applications are due June 19, 2017. Approximately $1.1 million is available to support four awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

OSERS-OSEP: Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities: National Technical Assistance Center for Inclusive Practices and Policies CFDA Number 84.326Y

Department of Education (Education), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Notice seeking applications supporting Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities. It is to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance (TA), supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research.

Applications are due June 16, 2017. Approximately $2 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Federal Register

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Boosting Engineering Science & Technology (BEST) Robotics Grant: Higher Education Agency (HEA) Local Hub Teacher Professional Development (LHTPD) 2017

Department of Defense (Defense), Missile Defense Agency (MDA)

Notice seeking applications from official BEST Robotics Inc. Local Competition Hubs the opportunity to obtain financial support for providing direct teacher professional development to teachers within their first three years of being a team support for a BEST Robotics team. Teacher professional development ensures general STEM training for teachers and ensures a successful experience during their local BEST Robotics season, advancing the awareness of and engagement in STEM with K-12 teachers and students.

Applications are due June 9, 2017. Approximately $160,000 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Outreach Boosting Engineering Science and Technology (BEST) Robotics Grant: Local Education Agency (LEA) National Teacher Professional Development (NTPD) 2017

Department of Defense (Defense), Missile Defense Agency (MDA)

Notice seeking applications to support local public school systems and their experienced BEST Robotics team teachers for the opportunity to attend BEST national teacher professional development training. Teacher professional development ensures general STEM training for teachers and a successful experience during their local BEST Robotics season, advancing the awareness of and engagement in STEM with K-12 teachers and students.

Applications are due June 9, 2017. Approximately $75,000 is available to support multiple awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Strengthening Law Enforcement’s Partnerships with Women’s Justice Centers

Department of State (State), Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)

Notice seeking applications supporting a program entitled "Strengthening Law Enforcement's Partnerships with Women's Justice Centers". The goal of his project is to enhance the capacity of the Government of Mexico and its political subdivisions to protect women and children from violence, by allowing relevant stakeholders to observe innovative practices in the area of reducing gender-based violence that allows them to improve upon or expand Mexican gender-based violence reduction programs.

Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support five awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Veteran Federal Procurement Entrepreneurship Training Program (VFPETP)

Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Commerce (Commerce), Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD)

Notice seeking applications from organizations to deliver, and scale as required, an existing veteran federal procurement entrepreneurial training program to veteran-owned small businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses who intend to pursue, or are already engaged in, federal procurement.

Applications are due June 8, 2017. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security)

Notice announcing a meeting of The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC). The committee will meet in an open session on May 18, 2017, to receive remarks regarding the Government's current cybersecurity initiatives and national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) priorities.

The meeting will be held May 18, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:05 pm ET at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register
Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request
Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
Notice seeking comments on Experimental Investigation of Automation-Induced Human Error in Locomotive Cab.
Comments are accepted through July 3, 2017.
LINKS: Federal Register

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

Centers for Independent Living Competition

Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Notice seeking applications to provides grants for the provision of Independent Living (IL) services to individuals with cross-disabilities as authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (Rehab Act).

Letters of intent are due May 31, 2017. Applications are due June 30, 2017. Approximately $415,765 is available to support three awards. Nonprofits are eligible to apply.
LINKS: Grants.gov

Data Coordinating Center for the NICHD Neonatal Research Network (U24)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
Notice seeking applications from institutions/organizations willing to participate with the NICHD as the Data Coordinating Center (DCC) under a cooperative agreement in an ongoing multi-center research network designed to perform observational and interventional clinical studies, using common protocols, to improve outcomes for neonates.

Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due June 30, 2017. Approximately $6.7 million is available to support one award.
Limited Submission: One application per institution is allowed
LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to encourage innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services to benefit the greatest number of individuals with, or at risk for developing, a mental illness. Funds support efforts to identify mutable factors that impact access, continuity, utilization, quality, value, and outcomes, including disparities in outcomes, or scalability of mental health services in the United States, which may serve as targets in future service delivery intervention development. Funds also support efforts to develop and test new research tools, technologies, measures, or methods and statistical approaches to study these issues; integrate and analyze large data sets to understand factors affecting mental health services outcomes using sophisticated computational and predictive analytic approaches; and leverage existing infrastructure and partnerships to accomplish these goals.

Optional letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the chosen due date. Applications are due annually on February 5, June 5, and October 5 until September 8, 2020. Multiple awards are anticipated.
LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Mechanistic Ancillary Studies to Ongoing Intervenional Clinical Trials (R21) (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)

Notice seeking applications that propose to conduct time-sensitive mechanistic ancillary studies related to the NIAMS mission in conjunction with privately or publicly funded, ongoing interventional clinical trials.

Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to the application due date. Applications are due August 7, 2017; December 4, 2017; April 2, 2018. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support four to five awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation (R21), Solicitation (R01)

OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Center; Notice of Competition and Request for Applications

Department of Labor (Labor), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Notice seeking applications to become an OSHA Training Institute Education Center and deliver standard classroom instruction on a regional basis.

Applications (three copies) are due June 30, 2017. OSHA provides no funding to OTI Education Centers.

LINKS: Federal Register

Role of Myeloid Cells in Persistence and Eradication of HIV-1 Reservoirs from the Brain (R21) (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Multiple Institutes

Notice seeking applications studying mechanisms of HIV-1 persistence in myeloid cells and strategies to target this reservoir in the central nervous system. Basic and translational research in domestic and international settings are of interest.

Requested letters of intent are due August 7, 2017. Applications are due September 6, 2017. Approximately $4.5 million is available to support 7 to 11 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation (R21), Solicitation (R01)

Senior Medicare Patrol National Resource Center

Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Integrated Programs

Notice seeking applications to support single cooperative agreement to operate the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) National Resource Center to provide training, technical assistance, and promotional activities to support the SMP program and its 53 projects nationwide. Funds support efforts to help the SMP empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education. Funds also support efforts to empower beneficiaries through increased awareness and understanding of health care programs in order to protect them from the economic and health-related consequences associated with Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse.

Optional letters of intent are due by May 15, 2017. Applications are due by June 28, 2017. Approximately $640,000 is available to support up to one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov
Notice of Meeting of the Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee, which advises the Chief Research and Development Officer of the VA on the relevance and feasibility of proposed projects and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be held June 29, 2017, at the American Association of Airport Executives, 601 Madison Street, Alexandria, VA from 8:30 am ET to 9:00 am ET

LINKS: Federal Register

Solicitation of Nominations for Three Organizations to Serve as Non-Voting Liaison Representatives to the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking nominations from those concerned with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) to serve as non-voting liaison representatives to the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee. Nominees must represent an organization with experience and expertise in ME/CFS and related research, clinical services, or advocacy and outreach on issues of ME/CFS, as well as expert knowledge of the broad issues and topics pertinent to ME/CFS.

Applications are due by May 30, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register

Center for Inherited Disease Research (CIDR) High Throughput Sequencing and Genotyping Resource Access (X01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

Notice seeking applications from NIH-supported investigators for access to high-throughput sequencing and genotyping services carried out by the Center for Inherited Disease Research (CIDR). The services provided include careful quality control and data cleaning. Some statistical analysis service is also offered. This allows for the application of state-of-the-art technology to find genetic elements important in human health and disease.

Applications are accepted by continuous receipt through August 2020.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Cystic Fibrosis Research and Translation Center (P30)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

Notice seeking applications for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Research and Translation Core Centers. CF Research and Translation Core Centers are designed to support both basic and clinical research on Cystic Fibrosis. CF Research and Translation Core Centers support three primary research-related activities: Research Core services; a Pilot and Feasibility program; and an Administrative Core with an enrichment program. Core Centers provide shared resources to support research to develop and test new therapies for CF and to foster collaborations among institutions with a strong existing research base in CF.

Requested letters of intent are due by June 20, 2017. Applications are due July 20, 2017. Approximately $3.6 million is available to support three awards.

Limited Submission: Only one application per Institution is allowed

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Effectiveness Trials for Post-Acute Interventions and Services to Optimize Longer-term Outcomes (R01), (R34)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Notice seeking applications for research projects to evaluate the effectiveness of therapeutic and service delivery interventions for the post-acute management of mental health conditions affecting youth, adults, and older adults. This FOA encourages clinical trials to establish the effectiveness and test hypotheses regarding moderators, mediators, and mechanisms of action of post-acute phase therapeutic and services interventions that are matched to the stage of illness in terms of both their focus (e.g., consolidating and maintaining gains from initial treatment, managing residual symptoms/impairment, preventing relapse, promoting adherence and appropriate service use) and intensity/burden for promoting optimal longer-term outcomes.

Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application deadline. R01: Applications are due February 5, June 5, and October 5 annually through 2018. R34: Applications due February 16, June 16, and November 16 annually through 2018.

LINKS: Grants.gov (R01), Solicitation (R01), Solicitation (R34)

NIDDK Central Repositories Non-renewable Sample Access (X01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

Notice seeking applications to access non-renewable samples from one or more of numerous major clinical studies that are currently housed in the NIDDK Central Repositories. NIDDK supports research on topics that encompass some of the most common, severe, and disabling conditions affecting Americans today: endocrine and metabolic diseases such as diabetes and obesity, digestive diseases such as hepatitis and inflammatory bowel disease, kidney and urologic diseases such as kidney failure and prostate enlargement, and blood diseases such as the anemias. Many of the large clinical studies funded by the NIDDK collect biospecimens from subjects for analysis and future study.


LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation, Agency Site

Pilot Studies to Test the Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents (R01) (R34)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Notice seeking applications supporting the effectiveness and implementation of family navigator models designed to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents who are experiencing early symptoms of mental health problems.

R01 applications are due annually on June 5, October 5, and February 5. R34 applications are due annually on June 16, October 16, and February 16. Requested letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application. Approximately $2.16 million is available to support six awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation (R34), Solicitation (R01)
Planning Grants for Clinical Trials of High Relevance to the NIGMS Mission (R34)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

Notice seeking applications to develop plans for the design and execution of clinical trials that are highly relevant to the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) mission. Activities supported by a planning grant could include development of a Manual of Procedures, creation of a Data Safety and Monitoring Board charter, development of data handling and statistical analysis plans, establishment of recruitment sites, preparation of preliminary submissions for regulatory approvals, development of training materials, and other tasks essential to a trial.


LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Meeting Announcement for the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee Required by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held June 5, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ET at 200 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC.

LINKS: Federal Register

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Mental Health Council to hear a presentation of the NIMH Director's Report and discussion of NIMH program. Open portion of the meeting to be held May 25, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Meeting

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Agenda will include opening remarks, administrative matters, Director's report, NIH Health Disparities update, and other business of the Council. Open portion of the meeting will be held June 6, 2017 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm ET at National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD.

LINKS: Federal Register

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Notice seeking comments on Medical Loss Ratio Annual Reports, MLR Notices, and Recordkeeping Requirements. Comments are accepted through July 3, 2017.

LINKS: Federal Register
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

BLM Nevada Mojave Desert Inventories and Restoration

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications from institutions interested in partnering with a recipient to inventory plant diversity in the Mojave Desert, using standard protocols for completing floras of an area, and to develop, implement, and evaluate restoration in degraded ecosystems in southern Nevada.

Applications are due July 1, 2017. Approximately $500,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM NV Botanical Program

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications from institutions interested in partnering with a recipient to engage in Native Plant Materials Development Program (NPMDP) and Seeds of Success (SOS) activities. These activities include: planning and implementing native seed collections using the BLM Seeds of Success protocol; identification, monitoring and assessments of Great Basin plant species and communities, and GIS analysis of seed transfer zones and seed collection locations, participation in applied research projects, such as common garden experiments and genetic analysis.

Applications are due July 1, 2017. Approximately $1 million is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Ground Truth (GT)

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Defense Sciences Office (DSO)

Notice seeking applications supporting efforts to create new simulation capabilities to test the accuracy and robustness of causal modeling methods for understanding human social systems and behaviors. Funds support innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in social science modeling, simulation, and causal inference. Funds support two technical areas: Simulations, and Methods.

Optional abstracts are due by May 15, 2017. Applications are due by June 29, 2017. Multiple awards are anticipated.

Limited Submission: No person or organization may be a performer for both TA1 and TA2, whether as a prime or as a sub-contractor.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO

ROSES 2017: Computational Modeling Algorithms and Cyberinfrastructure

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice seeking proposals to leverage existing high-performance computing capabilities to build a comprehensive and coherent portfolio of Earth science data analytic services. The resulting cyberinfrastructure is intended to support a wide range of Earth science research and applications activities.

Notices of intent are due May 25, 2017. Proposals are due July 27, 2017. Approximately $1.5 million is available to support 6 to 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation
Tactical Exploitation of the Acoustic Channel (TEAC)

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Strategic Technology Office (STO)

Notice seeking innovative proposals in the area of underwater acoustics. Funds support efforts to develop and demonstrate a phased array formed from a semi-autonomous, distributed network of sources on multiple undersea platforms. The program seeks to harness advances in undersea vehicles and acoustic source technologies to enable long duration source payloads on smaller, more affordable platforms.

Proposals are due by June 26, 2017. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: FBO

Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment. The purpose is to include discussions on the committee's proposed focus areas for addressing NOAA's request, on behalf of the Subcommittee on Global Change Research, to “develop a set of recommendations for a Sustained Assessment process by Spring 2018.

The meeting will be held May 15, 2017 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. This is a conference call. Public access is available at: NOAA, SSMC 3 Room 10817, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD. Members of the public may participate virtually by registering at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8089294344504416514.

LINKS: Federal Register

DARPA Bay Area Hackfest Information and Teaming Workshop

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Microsystems Technology Office (MTO)

Notice announcing a workshop of the Bay Area Hackfest. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the DARPA Bay Area Hackfest, promote additional discussion on this topic, address questions from potential applicants, and provide an opportunity for potential applicants to share their capabilities and ideas for teaming arrangements.

The workshop will be held May 22, 2017 at The Computer History Museum in San Jose, California. There will be two sessions, one from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm PDT and another from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm PDT. Participants must register for the workshop through the registration website by May 22, 2017 7:00 pm PDT.

LINKS: FBO

Discover DSO Day (D3)

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense), Defense Sciences Office (DSO)

Notice announcing an event to: familiarize attendees with the Defense Sciences Office's (DSO) mission and the nature of the efforts we support; promote understanding of how to do business with DSO; and facilitate discussions with potential performers. Focus areas include: Complexity Engineering; Science of Design; Noosphere; and Fundamental Limits. Webcast access is available.

The event will be held Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the DoubleTree Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive Arlington, VA

LINKS: FBO
DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

Department of Energy (Energy), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel to provide advice and guidance to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of high energy physics research. The meeting will be available via webinar.

The meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 8:30 am to 6:00 pm ET and Tuesday, June 6, 2017 8:30 am to 4:00 pm ET at the Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

Department of Energy (Energy), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Notice announcing a meeting of the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee to provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research. The meeting will be telecast live.

The meeting will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017; 8:45 am-4:45 pm ET at the Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland

LINKS: Federal Register, Agency Site

BLM (MT)- Forest Collaboration Network Facilitation

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to support the Montana Forest Collaboration Network in order to strengthen existing community based collaborative organizations and increase collaborative capacity. This increase in capacity will result in more forest treatments across Montana landscape.

Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $10,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM New Mexico Noxious Weed Control Program

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to collaborate with local soil and water conservation districts to reduce the threat of noxious weed populations, on a large-scale watershed and soil district boundary level, from spreading to state, private and federal lands. Information gathered by partners through an integrated weed management program for these New Mexico Weed Management Areas would help the BLM make land management decisions and further understand the impact weed treatments have on the native plant community and watersheds.

Applications are due July 10, 2017. Approximately $2.5 million is available to support 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov
BLM OR/WA - Local Native Seed Development and Seed Increase

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to grow seed stock native to the BLM Lakeview District (Oregon/Washington) that could be used within the same ecoregion.

Applications are due July 2, 2017. Approximately $400,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM OR/WA Biological Soil Crust Research and Restoration

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to gather additional information about biological soil crusts within the Washington watershed, including culturing and using these crusts in restoration. Application of results are expected to lead to more resilient shrub-steppe ecosystems.

Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $65,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

BLM OR/WA Rogue Native Plant Partnership

Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Notice seeking applications to facilitate the establishment of a regional (Oregon/Washington) native plant materials partnership. The partnership would focus on addressing the current supply gap for native seeds and other plant materials, with a secondary emphasis on developing prescriptions, best management practices, outreach materials, and other tools to improve restoration success. The partnership would provide a centralized structure, increase cooperation, and leverage the strengths and resources of partners to more effectively develop and distribute native plant materials for land managers.

Applications are due July 3, 2017. Approximately $35,000 is available to support one award.

LINKS: Grants.gov

Boundary Layer Transition Experiment II (BOLT II)

Department of Defense (Defense), Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)

Notice seeking proposals for advanced research to provide advances in our understanding of the boundary layer transition physics and transition front evolution on a low-curvature concave surface with a swept leading edge at high Mach numbers. The project name is Boundary Layer Transition (BOLT). The objective of the BOLT project is to perform a flight experiment to investigate the boundary layer transition (from laminar to turbulent) mechanisms on a low-curvature concave surface with a swept leading edge at high Mach numbers.

Proposals are due June 9, 2017. Up to $1.787 million is available.

LINKS: Grants.gov, FBO
CyberCorps(R) Scholarship for Service

National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Graduate Education (DGE)

Notice seeking proposals that address cybersecurity education and workforce development. The Scholarship Track provides funding to award scholarships to students in cybersecurity. All scholarship recipients must work after graduation for a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Government organization in a position related to cybersecurity for a period equal to the length of the scholarship. A proposing institution must provide clearly documented evidence of a strong existing academic program in cybersecurity. The Capacity Track seeks innovative proposals leading to an increase in the ability of the United States higher education enterprise to produce cybersecurity professionals.

Applications are due July 31, 2017. Approximately $25 million is available to support 26 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Semiconductor Synthetic Biology for Information Processing and Storage Technologies

National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Electrical, Communications and Cyber Systems

Notice seeking high-risk/high-return interdisciplinary research applications on novel concepts and enabling technologies that will address the scientific issues and technological challenges associated with the underpinnings of synthetic biology integrated with semiconductor technology. This research will foster interactions among various disciplines including biology, engineering, physics, chemistry, materials science, computer science, and information science that will enable heretofore-unanticipated breakthroughs as well as meet educational goals.

Applications are due October 30, 2017. Approximately $4 million is available to support 10 awards.

LINKS: Grants.gov, Solicitation

Sensors, Communications, and Electronics (SCE) Consortium pOTA Solicitation

Army (Army), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice seeking proposals to organize and operate the Sensors, Communications and Electronics Consortium (SCEC), a consortium of industrial, institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. The Consortium will engage in (a) sensors, communications and electronics research and prototyping; (b) identify and facilitate private sector technology opportunities; and (c) follow-on production for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center.

Proposals are due June 30, 2017.

LINKS: FBO

Government-Industry Advisory Panel; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing a meeting of the DOD’s Government-Industry Advisory Panel.

This meeting will be held on May 10, 2017 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET and May 11, 2017 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at Pentagon Library, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC. In-person registration is required; see notice for instructions. The panel will also hold teleconference meetings with the same agenda to prepare for future meetings on May 17, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET and May 31, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm ET. Teleconference and direct connect information provided by the Designated Federal Officer in the contact information in notice.

LINKS: Federal Register
NASAs International Space Station Advisory Committee; Meeting

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Notice announcing a meeting of NASA International Space Station (ISS) Advisory Committee for the purposes of reviewing all aspects related to the safety and operational readiness of the ISS, and to assess the possibilities for using the ISS for future space exploration.

The meeting will be held June 1, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET in-person at NASA Headquarters, Glennan Conference Room (1Q39), 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC and via teleconference. To participate telephonically, please contact individual listed in notice.

LINKS: Federal Register

Warfighter Analytics using Smartphones for Health (WASH)

DARPA (DARPA), Department of Defense (Defense)

Notice announcing Proposers Day for Warfighter Analytics using Smartphones for Health (WASH).

Meeting will be held May 16, 2017 from 1:30 pm to 3:45 pm ET at 675 N. Randolph St, Arlington, VA. Registration date is May 11, 2017 at https://www.schafertmd.com/darpa/i2o/wash/pd/

LINKS: FBO